

F. R. LANSON.

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JUNE 21, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. Yost, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

## REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 1005.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill 1005, have examined the same and report as follows:

F. R. Lanson was the owner of a United States bond, No. 100044, for the sum of \$100. He kept it in the safe of H. J. Hopkins & Co., of which firm he was then a member. Some time in February, 1889, some one in taking books out of the safe seems to have accidentally pulled out with the books the envelope containing this bond, and it dropped into the waste basket and was burned with the contents of the basket without knowing that it was therein. Mr. Lanson is a substantial and leading business man of Tionesta, Pa., of undoubted veracity and integrity, and there is no ground of doubting the loss and destruction of the bond as stated by him. The bill for his relief simply authorizes the issue of a duplicate bond in place of the one that is lost upon the filing of bond with satisfactory securities to indemnify the United States against the original bond.

The committee recommend that the bill do pass.

